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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

CASE NO. PUC000035

**Ex Parte: In the matter of third-party
testing of Operation Support Systems
for Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc.**

**Project Leader Ruling Seeking Comments On AT&T's Request
To Clarify Or Amend The Master Test Plan Regarding Electronic Billing**

June 19, 2001

On February 17, 2000, the Commission established this proceeding to conduct third-party testing of the operation support systems ("OSS") for Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc., now Verizon-Virginia, Inc. ("Verizon"). Pursuant to the Commission's directives, on May 31, 2000, the Project Leader adopted a Master Test Plan. The Project Leader revised the Master Test Plan on November 28, 2000 and April 6, 2001.

On June 13, 2001, AT&T Communications of Virginia, Inc. ("AT&T") requested clarification or amendment of the Master Test Plan regarding electronic bills provided by Verizon to its wholesale customers. In essence, AT&T seeks to have the timeliness, completeness, and accuracy of such bills tested by KPMG in this proceeding pursuant to the Master Test Plan. In support, AT&T asserts that § 251(c) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 requires Verizon to provide its wholesale customers the same billing features and functions Verizon offers to its retail customers. Because Verizon offers its retail customers with several electronic billing options, such options must be made available to CLECs and should be tested by KPMG.

This ruling seeks comments from interested persons concerning AT&T's requested clarification or modification of the Master Test Plan. This ruling will be mailed and e-mailed to all persons that have indicated an interest in participating in Case No. PUC000035. The names of these persons and their e-mail addresses are included on the attached service list. For those persons who wish to review AT&T's Petition and have not expressed an interest in participating in this case, a copy of this ruling and AT&T's Petition is available on the Commission's website at www.state.va.us/scc/division/puc/ossdocs.htm. Copies may also be obtained directly from the Commission's Project Leader, Alexander Skirpan (804-371-9082). Accordingly,

IT IS DIRECTED that interested persons may file any comments on AT&T's Petition To Clarify Or Amend The KPMG Master Test Plan regarding electronic bills provided by Verizon to its wholesale customers with the Clerk of the Commission in writing, in an original and one (1) copy, within twenty-one days from the date hereof. The mailing address to which any such filing must be sent is Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Interested persons also may file an electronic copy of their comments with the

Commission's Project Leader, via e-mail, at askirpan@scc.state.va.us. Any interested person filing comments shall attach a certificate to the foot of such document certifying that copies have been mailed, delivered, or sent via e-mail to all other interested persons listed below.

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